



Board of Commissioners

Resolution

B2026-014

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
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Sponsor: Parks & Recreation

Meeting Date: 1/13/2026

Title: Grant Awards from the Metropolitan Council for Legacy Amendment Parks and Trails Fund Projects

File Number: 2025-550

Background and Rationale:

Minnesota Management and Budget has budgeted an appropriation of \$51,320,000 from the Legacy Amendment Parks and Trails Fund for the Metropolitan Council to provide grants to the Regional Park implementing agencies for State Fiscal Years (SFY) 2026 (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2029). The funding allocation is based on a statutory formula. Ramsey County has been allocated \$1,890,775 for SFY 2026.

Ramsey County Parks and Recreation includes the anticipated Legacy project funding requests in the county’s six-year Capital Improvement Program Plan, although project priorities are subject to change. The following projects were submitted to the Metropolitan Council as Legacy funding requests for SFY 2026, as outlined in the following chart:

<u>Park, Trail, or Project Description</u>	<u>SFY 2026</u>
Ramsey County Regional Parks and Trails System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach for nature and outdoor recreation-based programming for people of low income and people of color 	\$75,000
Ramsey County Regional Parks and Trails System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation Corps of MN 	\$120,000
Bald Eagle Otter Lakes Regional Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Corps for Tamarack Nature Center and Discovery Hollow 	\$65,000
Ramsey County Regional Parks and Trail <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System-wide Off-leash Dog Area Improvements 	\$20,000
Ramsey County Regional Parks and Trails System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Park and Trail Sign Implementation 	\$100,000
Vadnais- Snail Lakes Regional Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail Enhancement & Site Improvements 	\$1,510,775
<u>Total Parks and Trails Legacy Amendment Funding</u>	<u>\$1,890,775</u>

The approved grant funds for SFY 2026 were available for use beginning July 1, 2025, and will have a grant period from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2029.

Funding through the Legacy program provides improvements to the regional parks and trails within

Ramsey County. The projects create safe places, build a sense of community, protect, restore, and preserve the environment. Certain project plans will offer opportunities for community engagement during the development phases.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Ratify the submittal of the grant application to the Metropolitan Council for Parks and Trails Legacy Amendment funding for regional park projects for State Fiscal Year 2026.
2. Accept grant awards and approve grant agreements with the Metropolitan Council for Legacy Amendment Parks and Trails Fund projects for the periods of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029, in the total amounts of \$1,890,775 for State Fiscal Year 2026.
3. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the grant agreements.
4. Authorize the County Manager to enter into agreements for the use of grant funds and amendments to such agreements, provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant, in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, and in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Miller, seconded by Commissioner Xiong.

Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

By: 

Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board